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# Notice to Navigation Interests

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Waterway: HURON/MICHIGAN

Location: MICHIGAN

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## TUG ASSIST POLICY ST. MARYS FALLS CANAL, MICHIGAN

1. Mariners are advised that often times adverse local conditions, i.e. high winds, current conditions, and inclement weather exist as vessels approach, enter and/or depart the Soo Locks. These conditions combined with close quarters slow speed maneuvering, particularly with large vessels not equipped with bow or stern thrusters, may cause control difficulties for certain classes of vessels.
2. Therefore, any vessel requesting lockage which in the opinion of the Master in consultation with the Pilot on board, where applicable, may experience severe control problems due to the above conditions must request assistance by one or more tugs to ensure full control over the vessel at all times. Vessel Masters and Pilots must consult with the Lockmaster concerning local conditions well in advance of arrival at the lock to allow tug assistance to be arranged if necessary. These guidelines apply to all vessels.

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### Notice to the Postmaster:

It is requested that the above notice be conspicuously and continuously posted until January 15, 2002.